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In re Patent Application of )  
Hiroshi Sumiyama et al. )  
Application No.: 09/238,163 )  
Filing Date: January 28, 1999 )  
Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS )

) Group Art Unit: 2625  
) Examiner: JOSEPH R POKRZYWA  
) Confirmation No.: 6659

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ 395 ☒ 790 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

1. ☐ A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below.
- ☐ B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested:
- ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:
- ☒ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Other:
3. ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Sir:

This Request for Refund is submitted to request a refund in the amount of

\$200.00 for an independent claim fee erroneously paid to the USPTO on October 31, 2006.

Applicants' representatives filed a Request for Continued Examination and a Response After Final Rejection in the USPTO on October 31, 2006. The above-identified application contains a total of 20 claims (4 independent and 16 dependent). The Response filed November 12, 2002 paid for the one (1) additional independent claim although the fourth independent claim had been previously paid for on March 5, 2004. Accordingly, no additional independent claim fee was due at the time the Request for Continued Examination was filed.

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The Commissioner is hereby requested to credit Deposit Account 02-4800 in  
the amount of \$200.00, referencing Attorney Docket No. 1032567-000002.

Respectfully submitted,

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